

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
AT CHATTANOOGA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	
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	)	Case No. 1:09-cr-85
v.	)	
	)	MATTICE / LEE
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CHRISTOPHER D. BYNUM	)	

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), I conducted a plea hearing in this case on October 7, 2009. At the hearing, defendant moved to withdraw his not guilty plea to Count Four of the six-count Indictment and entered a plea of guilty to Count Four of the Indictment, that is of possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base or crack, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B). There is no plea agreement in this case. On the basis of the record made at the hearing, I find the defendant is fully capable and competent to enter an informed plea; the plea is made knowingly and with full understanding of each of the rights waived by defendant; the plea is made voluntarily and free from any force, threats, or promises, the defendant understands the nature of the charge and penalties provided by law; and the plea has a sufficient basis in fact.

Therefore, I **RECOMMEND** defendant's motion to withdraw his not guilty plea to Count

Four, that is of possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base or crack, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B) be granted, his plea of guilty to Count Four of the Indictment, that is of possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base or crack, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B) be accepted, and the Court adjudicate defendant guilty of the charges set forth in Count Four of the Indictment, that is of possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base or crack, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B). Defendant's bond was revoked, and I further **RECOMMEND** defendant remain in custody until sentencing in this matter. Acceptance of the plea, adjudication of guilt, and imposition of sentence are specifically reserved for the district judge.

*s/ Susan K. Lee*

SUSAN K. LEE  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

#### NOTICE TO PARTIES

You have the right to de novo review of the foregoing findings by the district judge. Any application for review must be in writing, must specify the portions of the findings or proceedings objected to, and must be filed and served no later than ten days after the plea hearing. Failure to file objections within ten days constitutes a waiver of any further right to challenge the plea of guilty in this matter. See 28 U.S.C. §636(b).